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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Yellow fever in the United States.

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 3,389; deaths, 459, from July 21 to November 8, inclusive.

Daily reports from New Orleans, transmitted by Surgeon White:

Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	New foci.
November 2	1	0	0
November 3	1	1	0
November 4	0	1	0
November 5	1	1	0
November 6	1	0	0
November 7	0	1	0
November 8	0	0	0

October 31. To State Health Officer Sanders, Montgomery, Ala.:

Please wire if quarantine restrictions have been raised either in whole or in part, and inform me whenever you do so.

The same day a reply was received:

All quarantine restrictions removed from northern half of State; for southern half, restrictions remain against Louisiana, nine counties in Mississippi, and two in Florida.

November 4. In reply to an inquiry dated October 26, Sanitary Inspector Porter was informed of the contents of the preceding dispatch and that Louisiana and Mississippi have removed all restrictions.

November 1, 2, and 3. Sanitary Inspector Porter reported from Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases to-day, 2, deaths, none; total cases to date, 549, total deaths, 77; under treatment, 52. Houses fumigated to-day, 233.

New cases to-day, 3, deaths, none; total cases to date, 552, total deaths, 77; under treatment, 39. Houses fumigated to-day, 221.

New cases to-day, 3, deaths, 1; total cases to date, 555, total deaths, 78; under treatment, 38. Houses fumigated, 216. Will suspend general fumigation to-morrow night, but keep Small for possible new cases which may arise within the two weeks.

November 1, 3, and 4. Acting Assistant Surgeon Hicks reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

New cases to-day, 1; deaths, 1.

New cases to-day, 2.

New cases to-day, 1.

November 6. Assistant Surgeon Currie was relieved from duty at New Orleans and directed to proceed to Angel Island, California.

November 7. Assistant Surgeon de Vallin was relieved from duty at New Orleans and directed to proceed to Baltimore, Md.

The following letter, dated October 23, 1905, addressed by Dr. Quitman Kohnke, health officer of the city of New Orleans, to Surgeon A. C. Smith, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, stationed at that city, was transmitted by Surgeon Smith to the Bureau for publication:

Your letter of July 22 to the Surgeon-General, published in Public Health Report of July 28, contains an expression which has been wrongly construed. The report states that you were referred to me by Doctor Souchon to see cases suspected of yellow fever, and that I replied to your request that I did not have control of any, and that "they were all in the practice of private physicians who would not consent to have their cases investigated." The quoted phrase is susceptible of interpretation other than the one I believe intended. My reply was, if I correctly remember, that you should not have been referred to me since I did not control the official examination and had no authority to introduce you into cases under investigation, and that the attending physician would doubtless exercise his right to object.

I am sure this is consistent with your recollection, and that you did not intend to convey in your report the idea that physicians would not consent to have their cases investigated.

Commenting on Doctor Kohnke's communication, Surgeon Smith, in his letter of transmittal, states:

I did not intend to have it understood that Doctor Kohnke had said that physicians of New Orleans were refusing to have their suspicious cases investigated, and I only applied his words to my own request to be brought into the investigation. If any wrong impression has been conveyed by the words of my report I desire to correct it.

November 8. Surgeon White reported that there were no new cases of yellow fever and no deaths from the disease at New Orleans on that date, and that the two cases under treatment had passed the danger point.

ASIATIC CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

The following dispatches relative to precautions being taken at Italian ports against the introduction of Asiatic cholera have been received through the Department of State:

September 27. From Consul Bishop, Palermo:

The presence of Asiatic cholera in various parts of Europe has already been noted by me for a considerable time past, and in consequence a careful watch has been kept for any signs of its appearance here. The emigrants sailing from this port are with very few exceptions from this and other districts of Sicily. When any others present themselves, their place of original departure is ascertained, and if any suspicious circumstances appear they will be detained under observation, in accordance with the provisions of the quarantine laws of the United States. The Cunard